

The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE**

STATE OF WASHINGTON, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 2:18-cv-0939 (MJP)

**Defendants' Partially Opposed Motion to  
Extend Time to File Answer**

Defendants, the United States of America, et al., by and through undersigned counsel, move to extend by 30-days the deadline for filing an Answer to the Plaintiffs' Complaint. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(2); Dkt. No. 1. The requested 30-day extension would make Defendants' Answer due on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, and would not require the Court to adjust any other previously established deadlines. On August 21, 2018, Defendants contacted Plaintiffs' counsel via email to ascertain their position on Defendants' motion, and Plaintiffs indicated that they consent to a 14-day extension of the deadline, but opposed Defendants' request for a longer 30-day extension.

On August 8, 2018, the Court granted Defendants' Motion to Transfer Venue. Dkt. No. 88. The Court transferred this case to the Southern District of California, finding that there "is substantial overlap between the States' claims and those being litigated in [*Ms. L v. U.S. ICE*, No. 18-428 (S.D. Cal.)]." Dkt. No. 88. The Court noted that the case was to be assigned to Judge Sabraw in the Southern District of California, 15-days following the Court's order, or on August

23, 2018. *Id.* Explaining the rationale for granting the Defendants’ motion to transfer, the Court noted that “the government must turn all of its efforts to locating and reuniting parents and children who have been separated and potentially harmed by this Policy.” Dkt. No. 88. The government is actively engaged in the reunification process and compliance with and administration of the *Ms. L* injunction. As the Court noted, “the primary of import of the States’ case is to reunite families as expeditiously as possible,” dkt. no. 88, and as such, the Defendants’ request for an extension of time to answer does not harm Plaintiffs. Therefore, in the interests of proceeding with this litigation in the most orderly and efficient manner possible, the Court should grant Defendants’ motion to extend the time period for Defendants to answer Plaintiffs’ complaint.

For the reasons stated above, the Defendants respectfully request that the Court extend the deadline for their Answer to the Complaint by 30-days, through September 26, 2018.

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER ON  
DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO  
EXTEND TIME TO FILE  
ANSWER**

Before the Court is Defendants' Motion to extend time to file answer. For the reasons stated in the Defendants' Motion, the Court finds that good cause supports the requested 30-day extension. Accordingly, Defendants' deadline to file an Answer to the Complaint is extended through September 26, 2018.

Dated: August \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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HONORABLE MARSHA J. PECHMAN  
United States District Judge

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
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